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CITY BALANCE NOW $75,494.60

DECEMBER TAX COLLECTIONS BRING TOTAL UP.

COUNCIL PAYS BILLS

Arterial Traffic Ordinance Is Ordered Drawn and Long Water Main Is Discussed.

December tax collections have increased the balance in the City of Maryville's treasury to $75,494.60, according to the report of Mayor W. O. Garrett to the monthly meeting of the City Council last night.

The operating funds of the water department increased from $28,894.44 to $31,517.76. The city officials are awaiting with interest the result of the additional 10 per cent discount authorized last month on water bills paid before the 10th of each month. This reduction is effective on the bills now due for water consumed in December.

The street fund had $638.08 on December 2, and now has $902.98.

The library fund grew from $1,664.96 to $3,427.78.

General Fund Increase Largest.

The largest increase was in the general fund, which had a balance of $7,966.53. It now has $20,407.96.

The first water bond principal fund increased from $4,968.94 to $8,468.37 and the first water bond interest fund from $2,000.45 to $2,700.32. The second water bond principal fund grew from $978.21 to $2,727.93 and the second water bond interest fund from $898.37 to $1,608.94.

The street workers' guarantee fund remained at $301. The street lighting fund increased from $1,662.90 to $3,409.04. Petty cash showed the only decrease, there being $22.52 as against $50 on October 2. This fund is balanced quarterly.

Mayor Garrett, who also is city collector, reported $22,168.31 of 1925 taxes collected during December and $217.37 in delinquent 1924 taxes.

Five Police Cases.

The report of Police Judge W. L. Johnson showed five police court cases in December, four of which were for speeding. Each of the defendants was found guilty and assessed a fine of $5 and costs of $5.65. In the fifth case, drunkeness was charged. This defendant also was found guilty but he appealed to Circuit Court. His fine was placed at $1 and costs at $26.15.

Receipts of $18.60 were reported by Claud Stults, city weighmaster.

The council had little business last night except allowing of bills. The city attorney was instructed, however, to draw up an ordinance providing for boulevard stops on Fillmore street for traffic about to enter or cross Third and Fourth streets.

Water Main Discussed.

The proposed new water main from the pumping plant to the city was discussed thoroughly. Joe Reese, city engineer, has completed his survey of the route the pipe will follow, but the council is waiting for advices from the State Highway Commission as to whether the line may be laid under the present road or whether it must be put on private property.

A letter this week from N. R. Sack, division highway engineer at St. Joseph, stated that the department expected to make a survey of the east road soon but that its plans probably would not be completed before the last of February. Engineer Sack stated, however, that he would be in Maryville next week and that he would take up the matter with the city officials at that time.

The pipe line will be 6,480 feet in length.

Ernest Wray to Go to I. C. C. Hearings

President of Nodaway Farm Bureau Also Will Attend Meeting of State Board in Kansas City.

Ernest Wray, president of the Nodaway County Farm Bureau and a member of the executive board of the Missouri Farm Bureau Federation, will go to Kansas City Monday to attend a meeting of the latter body.

On Monday the executive board of the Farm Bureau will take part in the freight rate hearings to be conducted by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The board will be in session Tuesday on other matters.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Hurley, living south of the city limits, were guests yesterday of Mrs. Emma DeMoss and daughter, Elizabeth.

Myrtle Alice Hayson Dies at Richmond, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Smith of this city have received word of the death of their granddaughter, Myrtle Alice Hayson, at Richmond, Mo. She was 3 years old, and bronchial pneumonia was the cause of death. Funeral services will be held at Richmond at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

The little girl's mother, Mrs. Frank Y. Hayson, died just three months ago tomorrow. Mrs. Hayson before her marriage was Miss Myrtle Smith of this city.

Myrtle Alice is survived by her father and two older brothers, Harold and Frank Nevels. Jay Smith of Clearmont is an uncle.

FEWER FIRES HERE IN 1925

FORTY-FOUR BLAZES ARE REPORTED DURING YEAR.

DAMAGE ALSO LESS

Loss Last Year Approximately $20,520 —Small Fire On East First This Morning.

Maryville had ten fewer fires last year than in 1924, according to the annual report of Burt M. Rowley, fire chief. The total damage was also approximately $1,500 less.

During the year just closed, there were forty-four fires while in 1924, the number was fifty-four. The total approximate damage in 1924 was $21,975 while last year it was $20,520.

January was the banner month for fires in 1925, six being reported. In July and August there were one each. The number of fires in each month of 1925: January, 6; February, 4; March 5; April, 4; May, 4; June, 4; July, 1; August, 1; September, 3; October, 4; November, 3; December 5.

The total estimated damage by fire during each month was as follows: January, $200; February, $2,925; March, $35; April, $235; May, $50; June, $220; July and August, none; September, $700; October, $25; November, $2,015; December, $14,115.

The most disastrous fire of the year was the Empire theater blaze, which caused an estimated damage of $14,000. This was on December 1. The Roach Cafe fire in November caused an approximate loss of $2,000 to building and contents, and the William Everhart fire in February of last year caused an estimated loss to house and contents of $2,900.

Sparks from chimneys was the principal cause of the fires last year, as it was given as the reason for thirteen blazes. Oil stoves exploding or leaking caused five fires. There were five automobile fires, three caused by defective chimneys, two from burning grass, one trash fire, one from sparks from an engine, one from spontaneous combustion, two from gasoline stoves, one from a short circuit in electric wiring, one gasoline fire, one from electric wiring and two blazes were of unknown origin.

The first fire of the new year was at 409 East First street, about 7:15 o'clock this morning, when sparks from a chimney set fire to the roof and caused a damage of approximately $50. This house is occupied by Miss Clara Alcorn and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McCoy.

Two Arrested Today on Bogus Check Charge

W. H. Dredge, a farmer living twelve miles northwest of Maryville, was arrested this morning by Sheriff Lowell Campbell on a charge of giving a bogus check. Dredge had not given bond at press time this afternoon.

Howard Hillis, northeast of Clearmont, was arrested today by Howard Bancroft, deputy sheriff, and was brought to Maryville this afternoon. Hillis is also charged with giving a bogus check, it being for $10 to the J. C. Penney Co., here. Hillis had not given bond late this afternoon.

Week of Prayer to Be Held by Churches

Washington, Jan. 2.—Millions of Christians will join in a universal week of prayer starting tomorrow, the Federal Council of Churches announced today. The world evangelistical alliance issued the world call for a period of meditation, thanksgiving, confession and prayer.

The devotions each day will be devoted to separate subjects.

POOL HALLS TO PROTEST

WILL ASK COUNTY COURT NOT TO IMPOSE BAN.

PETITION CIRCULATED

2,000 Signers Oppose Closing, It Is Stated—First License Expires January 14.

Nodaway County's ban on pool and billiard halls, voted recently by the County Court but not yet in effect, will be protested vigorously next week when the court meets in its first session of the new year.

The judges of the court several weeks ago announced that they had no personal objections to the present owners of pool halls in the county but that at the expiration of their current licenses no renewals would be granted.

The first license to expire since that announcement is that of Ed Godsey of Maryville. His expires on January 14. On February 5, the license of Diss and Godsey, also of Maryville, will expire, after which there will be no others to expire until June 27, when the time of F. A. Turner of Conception Junction will be up. The license of John L. Cole of Maryville expires on June 30 and that of Garten and Costello on August 7.

There are only the five pool halls in the county. The Linville Hotel formerly operated one table but discontinued it after the County Court's announcement.

Godsey has four tables, Diss and Godsey six, Turner three, Cole four, and Garten and Costello five.

The owners are uniting in an attempt to have the County Court reverse its decision, but it is understood that the judges are determined to stand pat. A petition circulated favoring the pool halls has been circulated and has about 2,000 signatures, according to a statement today.

The pool hall owners declare the order closing them is unjust and confiscatory. They point out that it would mean not only complete loss of their business but that there would be no market for their tables.

The County Court judges based their action upon a desire to keep Maryville a "clean" town, especially as the seat of the State Teachers College. They have received much support from other parts of the county, where, as one visitor today expressed it, Maryville is regarded "as much our county seat as anybody's."

It is reported that the pool hall owners are contemplating the formation of pool and billiard clubs if they are forced to go out of business upon their present status.

Pool halls pay a license tax of $10 per table per year to the city, $10 per table to the county, $10 per table to the state and the same to the federal government.

The county, state, and federal government license for annual periods, while the city grants its permits only for six months. The City Council this week renewed the license of J. L. Cole for that period.

39 Readers Daily at Library in December

Books and Magazines Loaned Total 62 A Day.—Thirty New Cards Issued.

An average of thirty-nine readers a day visited the Maryville Free Public Library last month, according to the monthly report of Miss Grace Langan, librarian. The total number of readers for the month was 1,115, with 650 in the periodical room, 197 in the children's rooms and 216 in the reference room. There were 110 Sunday readers.

That the library is serving many more than those who visit it in person is shown in the number of books and magazines loaned, the total reaching 1,612, an average of 62 a day. Thirty new reader's cards were issued.

Fiction remained the overwhelming favorite with both juvenile and adult readers. The children called for 323 works of fiction and only 57 of nonfiction. The adults turned to fiction 1,047 times, while there were but 99 calls for biography, religion, sociology, natural science, useful and fine arts, literature and history.

Fines added $10.70 to the library revenues and penny-a-day books brought $2.70.

J. O. Miller of Skidmore was a Maryville visitor today.

This Is Big Day for Eldon Irvin at Postoffice Here

This is a big day for Eldon Irvin at the Maryville postoffice.

Every man his his "big day," but January 2 means much to this smiling employe of Uncle Sam.

Like all postoffice employes, Mr. Irvin has his somewhat numerous holidays and he appreciated the one yesterday for it gave him an opportunity to prepare for the big event today.

When the postoffice reporter asked Mr. Irvin for news this morning, the latter smiled (as usual) and revealed that he could give a half-column story if a picture could be supplied to go with the big story.

It all amounts to this: Today is Mr. Irvin's birthday, but he refused to disclose the number of birthdays he has had, admitting his age to be "too near to 40." A birthday dinner, presents, and everything that goes with the big event will be the order of the day at the Irvin home.

OLD RESIDENT DIES IN COLO.

PRINCE L. TRAPP SUCCUMBS AT BOULDER THURSDAY.

HE LIVED AT GRAHAM

Engaged in Silver Mining in Colorado in Early Days and Then Returned to County in 1876.

Prince L. Trapp, formerly a resident of the Graham community many years, died at his home in Boulder, Colo., on Thursday, according to word received today from his son, C. C. Trapp. The message stated the funeral services would be held at Boulder on Sunday and burial would be at Graham on Tuesday morning.

Mr. Trapp was 74 years old, having been born on a farm in Andrew County, Missouri, on September 11, 1851. His parents, Elder William R. and Mary A. (Garner) Trapp, were both born in Missouri, Elder Trapp dying near Fillmore in Andrew County in December, 1878, and Mrs. Trapp dying at Graham on July 5, 1897.

Mr. Trapp spent the first fourteen years of his life in Andrew County, moving to Graham in February, 1866. After three years' residence at Graham the family returned to Andrew County, where Mr. Trapp remained until February, 1870, when he went to Colorado, where he engaged in silver mining during the following six years. Returning then to Graham, Mr. Trapp engaged in the clothing business, but two years later he turned his attention to farming in Hughes township, to which he devoted his attention until December, 1898, when he again located in Graham and engaged in the lumber business. The bsuiness was conducted under the name of M. M. Rhoades Lumber Co., until June, 1904, when Mr. Trapp bought the entire interests and at that time formed a partnership with his son, Clyde C. Trapp, under the firm name of P. L. Trapp & Son. Mr. Trapp and his son sold the lumber yard a few years ago, Mr. Trapp moving to Boulder, Colo., and his son, Clyde Trapp, moving to Wichita, Kan.

Mr. Trapp had been married twice. On November 11, 1877, he married Adeke E. Wyman, who died on January 16, 1884. On April 29, 1885, at De Soto, Ia., Mr. Trapp married Hattie A. Horoer.

Mr. Trapp was a Democrat in his political views and took a deep interest in public affairs. He was a member of the Christian Church.

J. W. Toel Leads in Sales in 1925

In Appreciation, the Chase Candy Company Gave Him a 100 Per Cent Honor Badge.

J. W. Toel of this city lead the thirty-six salesmen of the Chase Candy Company of St. Joseph during the year 1925 and in appreciation has received from the company a 100 per cent honor badge. Mr. Toel has been traveling for the company the past thirty-four years.

Advised by Wireless of Storm in Somoa

Washington, Jan. 2.—The navy department was today advised by wireless from Somoa that a storm of hurricane intensity swept the islands early to day causing huge property damage.

No lives were reported lost.

AUTO PLATES HAVE ARRIVED

5,000 PAIRS RECEIVED AT C. OF C. OFFICE HERE.

DISTRIBUTION FEB. 1

D. A. Caldwell Will Be In Charge Of Issuance—Owners Must Have Title And Cash.

Two tons, 5,000 pairs (10,000 single plates) of 1926 state auto licenses have been received in 160 boxes of 50 pairs each at the office of the Maryville Chamber of Commerce for distribution to car owners in Northwest Missouri commencing February 1. The color is bright yellow, with black letters, the same as used by California last year.

As no license can be issued for cars unless the owner has the certificate of title, except in the case of new cars, D. A. Caldwell, secretary of the Maryville Chamber of Commerce, who will superintend the distribution of the tags this year, suggests that everyone make sure that they know where their title is before February 1. If they have failed to receive their title from Jefferson City, they should write to Charles U. Becker, secretary of state, at once, stating the date of application for the title, 1925 license number, make, model, and year of car, and the motor number.

By doing this now, much annoying delay later can be prevented. In case the title is known to have been lost, the owner should make application for a duplicate license, either through the secretary of state or at the office of the Maryville Chamber of Commerce. The fee for a duplicate title is $1.00.

The following information must be in the possession of all who purchase 1926 license plates:

1. Certificate of title (except for new cars, when the bill of sale is sufficient), 2. Motor numbers, 3. size of cylinder bore, 4. Year built, 5. 1925 number.

Office hours, 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. 222½ North Main street. Phones, Hanamo, 659; Farmers, 120.

Currency only accepted, by order of secretary of state.

Maryville Banks Have $196,911 More Deposits

Good Increase Is Shown Since Year Ago.—Loans and Discounts Also Increase.

Combined deposits of Maryville banks and trust companies were $196,911 more on December 31, 1925, than they were on December 31, 1924, according to the statements of these institutions in today's paper.

The combined deposits of the Maryville banks and trust companies, Dec. 31, were $4,230,258 as compared to $4,033,347, on Dec. 31, 1924. Loans and discounts increased from $3,531,474 on Dec. 31, 1924, to $3,748,092 on Dec. 31, 1925.

The total resources of these institutions increased $294,453 over a year and amounted to $5,354,402 on Dec. 31, 1925, compared to $5,059,949 on Dec. 31, 1924.

Jensen Pays $3,194 For Fairfax Furs

One of the biggest fur deals made recently in Northwest Missouri took place last week at Fairfax, when Charles A. Jensen of this city bought the entire stock of George Brim. The Maryville dealer gave the Fairfax collector a check for $3,194.05.

Mr. Jensen said today that the purchase was remarkable for a small town but that it was by no means unusual for his firm, which does a nation-wide business. He buys from New York to San Francisco and makes frequent shipments to London and other European points.

Ruddell Funeral to Be Held Tomorrow

Funeral services for W. L. Ruddell, who died yesterday afternoon at his home, northeast of the city limits, will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the First Methodist Church. Dr. C. C. James will conduct the service. Burial will be in Miriam cemetery where the I. O. O. F. Lodge will conduct its ritual.

Miss Catherine Remus, who has been spending the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Remus, will return to Des Moines, Ia., tomorrow to resume her studies at Drake University.

Cleveland Physician Awarded $1,000 Prize

Gift Is Made for Work On Ether-Drift Experiment, On Which He Gave His Presidential Address.

Kansas City, Jan. 2.—Dr. Dayton C. Miller, professor of Cleveland, Ohio, was announced as the winner of the annual prize of $1,000 at the Kansas City meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science by the committee on award here this afternoon. The award, given each year to the author of a notable contribution to the advancement of science, was made to Dr. Miller for his work on the "Michelson-Morley ether drift experiment" on which he gave his presidential address here Tuesday afternoon.

WHEAT WORST FOR 50 YEARS

CONDITIONS IN NODAWAY COUNTY IS ONLY 51 PER CENT.

19,990 ACRES SEEDED

Should Winter Be Unfavorable, Harvest May Be Below Any Since 1874.

Nodaway County farmers reported 19,990 acres of wheat seeded in 1924, while their 1925 fall seedings now indicate 16,990 acres, with December condition of 51 per cent against a 7-year December average of 91 per cent. Listings of crop acreages by the assessor in 1924 shows Nodaway County as having 3.44 per cent of its farm acreage in wheat. At the opening of December 10 per cent of the hens were laying, and corn was quoted at an average of 60 cents per bushel, wheat $1.49, and oats 39 cents.

The 1925 Missouri seeding for winter wheat is 1,261,000 acres compared to 1,752,000 planted in 1924, which is the smallest acreage sown during the last 27 years, and conditions lowest during the past fifty years, according to E. A. Logan of the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics and Jewell Mayes of the State Board of Agriculture. Should unfavorable conditions prevail during winter and early spring, the loss from winter-kill might reduce the acreage below any wheat harvest since 1874. The growing wheat acreage is 72 per cent of one year ago.

Missouri wheat at 63 per cent normal results from late sowing and considerable of acreage not yet up. Plants have made very little growth. The long continued rains from middle of September into November prevented seeding of acreage planned in early summer. All sections of state show smaller acreage seeded than last year, although west and southwest sections seeded more nearly the intended acreage than other districts.

Only a few localities have seeded the acreage planned in August. The condition is lowest in northwest, east, northeast and southeast, while the west, southwest and south central counties have conditions above state average. The seven-year average December condition is 89 per cent. August intentions to plant indicated increase of 30 per cent over 1924 seeding but unfavorable weather caused reduction of 28 per cent, resulting in only 49 per cent as much wheat in the ground as farmers planned to plant. The United States estimate is 39,540,000 acres compared to 39,956,000 sown in 1924, or only 1 per cent less. The revised state-federal statistics in the wheat crop harvested in 1925 show for Missouri 1,664,000 acres producing 21,965,000 bushels.

Rye condition is 74 per cent of December normal upon 18,000 acres seeded, compared to 25,000 last year. Fall work has been generally delayed, with 30 per cent less than usual amount of fall plowing done.

Corn gathering is late, on account of unfavorable weather in November and December, and much corn is damaged. The December state average price was 70 cents per bushel. Prospects are poor for high germinating seed. Some of the early cribbed corn has molded. Texas is buying corn in Missouri. Soybean threshing has been held up, both hay and grain are badly damaged, and high grade seed will probably be scarce.

Hens laying are 9 per cent, or same as last December, and 58 per cent of cows are in milk, producing 13 pounds per day. About the same number of cattle are on feed, while fewer lambs were brought in and put on feed than last year. Hogs are scarce.

COOLIDGE TO FACE BATTLE

HIS "POLITICAL HONEYMOON" IS NEARING END.

FARM BLOC IS FEARED

Western Representatives Threaten Coalition to Pass What President Terms "Radical Legislation."

Washington, Jan. 2—President Coolidge's "political honeymoon," as the politicians call it, appears to be drawing to a close, with the November Congressional election now only ten months away.

The Congress that reconvenes on Monday after holiday contacts with the people "back home" promises to provide trouble aplenty for the White House.

The grain belt, comprising elever states, is up in arms and administration leaders in the capital will be hard put to prevent the enactment of agricultural legislation that Mr. Coolidge repeatedly has declared is too radical and too socialistic for his administration to accept.

This legislation aims to put the government into partnership with the farmers in the marketing of crops the farmer raises, "price fixing," its opponents term it.

What the administration leaders really fear is a coalition of the two major revolting factions in the Sixty-ninth Congress. The farm representatives of the Middle West and Far West already have declared war on the administration's reclamation and irrigation policies. If this can be brought about, it promises to be a very serious matter for Mr. Coolidge's program.

Lincoln, Nev., Jan. 2.—Governor Adam McMullen decided today to call a meeting of fifty representatives of Nebraska's agricultural interest for a conference here next Friday relative to seeking farm relief measures.

The governor's decision followed a conference with the representatives of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce. Representatives will be from the American Council of Agriculture.

3 Dead as Result of Stand Collapsing

Investigating Agencies Start Inquiry Into Disaster At Pasadena, Calif., Yesterday at Pageant.

Pasadena, Calif., Jan. 2.—Three persons were dead here today and more than 200 injured as the result of the collapse of a temporary grandstand at the annual Tournament of Roses pageant. Mrs. C. W. Bowen, Pasadena, died when she plunged from the parapet of a building near the collapsing stand, but her death was said not to have been due to the grandstand crash.

Determined to fix the responsibility for the tragic collapse, four agencies today began an extensive investigation of the disaster.

The stand had been erected by private parties but had been passed upon by the building inspectors, according to the police.

Matthews Is Renamed on Highway Board

Appointed By Governor Baker For Six-Year Term Dating From December 1.—Prominent Sikeston Banker.

Jefferson City, Jan. 2.—Charles D. Matthews of Sikeston today was reappointed as a member of the state highway commission by Governor Sam A. Baker. He will serve for a six-year term, which dates from December 1. Mr. Matthews is a Republican and a prominent banker in Southeast Missouri. The commission consists of two Republicans and two Democrats.

Ford Says Americans Still Are Wasteful

Chicago, Jan. 2.—After twenty-five years spent in studying industrial management, Henry Ford asserts, "we still waste more than we use."

In a collaborated article appearing today in January System, Ford declares: "We waste men, we waste materials, we waste everything."

The Weather

Rain tonight and Sunday; slightly warmer tonight, above freezing.

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Resigns as Teacher at Mt. Pleasant

Miss Lorena Gault has resigned as teacher of the Mt. Pleasant School, six miles north of Maryville, and will enter college soon. Miss Marie Kromhaud, formerly a teacher in Minnesota, now living near Bolckow, has been selected to succeed Miss Gault.

Miss Martha James left this afternoon for Jefferson City, after a ten day's holiday visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. James.

Willie Willis

By ROBERT QUILLEN

"I can usually get money for Pug and me both to see the movies if there's somebody else there when I ask Papa."

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Will Dedicate Masonic Temple

Ceremonies at Hopkins in Charge of Deputy Grand Master Jonathan Stark of Maryville

The new Masonic Temple of Hopkins will be dedicated with appropriate services Thursday afternoon, Jan. 7. The ceremonies will be in charge of the Deputy Grand Master, Jonathan Stark of Maryville, and the principal address will be given by a prominent man in lodge work, who will be selected this week. The temple is the former Presbyterian Church of Hopkins, which was bought by the Masons and remodeled to suit the needs of the lodge. Extensive improvements have already been made and in the spring others will be added.

Mrs. John Gray of Hopkins is spending the day with Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Gray of Clearmont.

TWO MEETINGS FOR STOCKMEN

SPECIALIST TO BE PRESENT AT ELMO AND SKIDMORE.

TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS

Hog Feeding and Sanitation, Cattle Feeding and Sheep Production Among Subjects.

Two livestock meetings are to be held next week at Elmo and Skidmore under the auspices of the Nodaway County Farm Bureau. The Elmo meeting will be held Tuesday in the opera house and the meeting at Skidmore will be Friday in the opera house there. Both meetings will begin promptly at 10 a.m. and close promptly at 4 p.m.

J. W. Burch, livestock specialist with the Missouri College of Agriculture, assisted by J. Ross Fleetwood, county agent, will conduct the meetings.

The meetings will be conducted in round table discussion fashion. The livestock problems of those present will be taken up and discussed. Mr. Burch will discuss in a general way, hog feeding, hog sanitation, cattle feeding and sheep production problems.

The meetings are open to anyone interested in livestock and should prove of value to anyone who attends, Mr. Fleetwood said. At a discussion meeting of this nature everyone has an opportunity to bring up any individual problem for discussion, thereby profiting more than would be possible in a strictly lecture meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tudder and daughter of Elmo were city visitors today.

Fifty Years Ago

(Taken from the Nodaway Democrat, January 6, 1876).

T. E. Hoel & Co., are erecting an awning in front of their store of business.

W. L. McCoy, Esq., of the grocery firm of T. C. Sawyer & Co., has rented the fine house of Bidford Burns in the western part of the city and will shortly commence housekeeping.

The various religious denominations of this city are observing the first week in January as a week of prayer. Prayer meeting is held every day at 10 o'clock a. m. in some one of the churches and preaching each evening at the Main Street M. E. Church by the pastors of the different denominations.

Thomas Martin, Esq., raised this past season on his fine farm three miles north of town, on fifteen acres of land, 1,100 bushels of as fine corn as we have ever seen.

By a note from James Lamar we are advised of the election of the following officers of Kennedy Lodge, No. 229, A. F. & A. M., at Lamar station for the ensuing year: C. J. Smith, W. M.; J. M. Lamar, S. W.; A. Gray, J. W.; C. J. Lamar, treasurer; James Lamar, secretary; John Hutson, tyler. The following are the appointed officers: S. Collings, S. D.; John Bussey, J. D.; E. M. Kelly, S. S.; W. E. Davis, J. S.

Quitman Lodge, 196, A. F. & A. M., elected and installed the following officers on December 27: W. Y. Smith, W. M.; William Kraft, S. W.; Theodore Pifer, J. W.; Jack Albright, treasurer; George Corbell, secretary; Charles Algo, S. D.; George Albright, J. D.; James Weddle and James Parshall, S. S. and J. S.

The M. E. Church of Barnard will be dedicated to the worship of Almighty God on January 30 at 11 o'clock a. m. The Rev. Z. S. Weller and other ministers will officiate. This is one of the finest church edifices in the country and reflects credit upon the denomination and the friends of the church in that community.

What city is more orderly and quiet than Maryville. We are informed by Marshal Craddock that there has not been an arrest since November 21.

The public school is in session again after the holiday vacation.

TWENTY YEARS AGO.

The arrangements having all been completed Monday regarding money matters for the Maryville Normal School, C. J. Colden, president of the Board of Regents, has called a meeting of the board at St. Joseph for today to select a president for the Normal. The general sentiment here is favorable to Hon. W. T. Carrington, present State Superintendent of Public Schools, for the position.

John Dawson is spoken of very favorably by many in connection with the office of prosecuting attorney next fall.

The marriage of Miss Maude Murray and J. L. Fisher took place Sunday evening at the home of the bride's father, Theodore Murray, Rev. Grundy Fisher of St. Paul, Minn., officiating. The young couple will for the present make their home with Mr. Fisher's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Fisher.

Col. Cochran's new paper at St. Joseph, we learn, is to be called the Observer.

Rev. J. A. Starr of Albany will assist the pastor, Rev. A. C. Johnson, in revival services commencing January 15 at the M. E. Church, South, of this city.

A. J. Martin Buys Rock Port Journal

The Atchison County Journal at Rock Port has been sold by D. E. Williams to A. J. Martin of Braymer, Mo., possession being given yesterday. Mr. Martin is owner and publisher of the Braymer Bee, one of the best weekly newspapers in the state. Mr. Williams has been the owner of the Journal since November, 1923.

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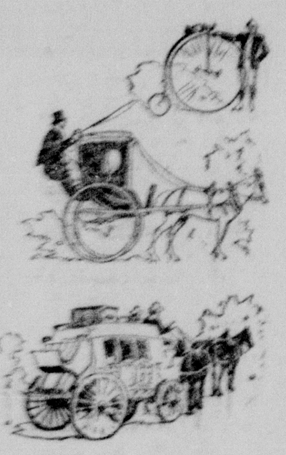
MEDDLIN' IN BUSINESS



Did you ever stop to think what a great little word "safe" is? The First National Bank and Gillam-Jackson Loan and Trust Co., reminds me that it is about the safest word in the language. Think of your securities—safe. The deed to your home, your contracts—safe, your insurance, letters, safe. Your jewelry and keepsakes—safe.

That is, they're safe if they're in a safety deposit box. And whichever we're talking "safe" are you going to be safe during 1926? Are you a speculator who seeks abnormal returns and who risks, often loses, both income and principal or as investor who is happy to get normal return on his money and gets it?

The bond department at this bank is at the service of those foresighted people who wish to invest.

—MB—

After the holiday rush don't let things slide. You'll regret it. Those clothes that need attention after the round of festivities should be sent to the Superior Cleaners now—don't wait until the day you'll need them. You remember too, that I told you about the new glove cleaning machine at the Superior. I know gloves look like new after being cleaned with it because I had some done there myself.

—MB—

For the business man, the business woman, the college student or the shopper, the Yehle Tea Room is a life-saver. Food that is home cooked, served in an appetizing manner and that is most reasonably priced is what this dainty little nook offers. The hot plate, enough lunch for anyone and a good variety of food is 35c. Home made chili is 30c, home made pie 10c, soup 10c and tempting salads and desserts.

—MB—

The Tolles Clothing Company is offering a special price on men's night clothing. Outing flannel pajamas, well made, finished nicely and real bargains at $2.00 and $2.50. Night shirts of the same material are on sale for $1.50 and $1.75. Step in and see them. It is well to keep one's supply complete.

—MB—

"What kind of a girl is Mabel?"
"Oh, she's the kind that goes through life asking 'what's trumps'?"

—MB—

The Kuchs Bros. Jewelry Co., always has an extensive line of gifts for every occasion. Now is the time to start that set of silver you have wanted for so long. With the Christmas money that Santa gave you, make the first start. If you prefer to start your set of good china, now is the time. See about it at once at Kuchs.

—MB—

Every man makes plans for the future. He plans for his wife and his children. He may outline trips for himself when he is older. Usually he just dreams and dismisses the ideas as castles in the air.

Today that condition is changed. The modern trust department can very often Make Dreams Come True. As your executor and trustee it can carry out your plans for your family. Through a variety of trust arrangements it can make your dreams of your own later years come true. You owe it to yourself to investigate these modern methods. The Farmers Trust officers are at your service.

—MB—

Everyone is always talking about that "awful quiet" right after Christmas. Maryville may not be as bustling as it was a day or two before Christmas—but we're not dead in Maryville. There is more doing here in the dull season than in most—oh, well, one should sympathize with other cities, not censure. Isn't it nice to live in the best town in the state?

—MB—

The Plaza Hardware Company is still offering that fine, heavy aluminum at the special prices. The makes included are Mirro, Wear-ever and Aladdin, none better, but of course every housewife knows that. I do not know how much longer this sale will be held. Don't wait too long. If its the best in hardware you want, you'll find it at Plaza.

—ME—

The wise shopper will take advantage of reduced prices on art goods at Mrs. Godsey's. The 1925 stock with a good variety left includes the Arizano and other lines in drawn lots. Children's dresses made and ready to embroidery. Lots of other things too.

—MB—

For the post-holiday hostess a most complete assortment of tallies, place cards and other "fixings" can be had at Rhodes and Chaves in the well known Gift Shop. They are priced from 2c a dozen on up. All are clever. Ideal bridge prizes at all prices also can be found there. For any and all occasions gifts from Ye Olde Towne Gifte Shop are in the best of taste and the very name is a recommendation. And by the way, don't forget that here can be found the loveliest candles in all sizes, colors and types. Some of the nicest are in the long ones, a few are are as long as thirty inches.

—MB—

Miss Pearl M. Keiflein is showing some most attractive silk and straw hats for spring. Some are as low as $5 others $6.50. This shop also has some dainty handkerchiefs.

—MB—

I have found good crowds in the stores this week. And they seem to be buying the staple things.

—MB—

I have made one resolution this year and it's the nicest resolution I ever made. I like to keep it. I have resolved to buy everything in Maryville. This city handles more nationally advertised brands than any city of three times the population. Quality is the first thing that impresses me with Maryville stores. Merchants can offer the best at lower than city prices—it's easy to guess how it can be done—general expenses, rents, everything less expensive. Now wasn't that a wise resolution?

—MB—

In 1810 the Reverend Henry Duncan opened at Ruthwell, Scotland, a "Parish Bank." This was the first savings bank, the greatest uplifting social agency yet produced by civilization. In a scant eight years there were two hundred of these banks in Great Britain.

Today there are thousands of savings banks. The growth of thrift is unabated and our country is the greatest saving nation.

If you are drifting financially, the Real Estate Bank invites you to join the ranks of the savers of this community. The savings department at this bank is at your service.

—MB—

This is the "open season" for radios, local dealers say, and, by the way, eighteen persons in this city are selling them. I obtained that information from local radio dealers.

—MB—

Taking down the lovely Christmas trees on Main street ends the holiday season. I dislike to see it go, but wasn't everything happy and gay this year?

—MB—

A complete new line of stamped goods will be on display at the Rhodes Music Store next week, stop in and see it. Please remember the complete line of threads at this shop.

—MB—

I have found some wonderful values in Maryville stores this week. The merchants are not "telling the world" about all of them, but it pays to go and look around.

Lower Prices Greater Values! Benefit Now by both!

Dodge Brothers, Inc., are able to make a tremendous reduction in prices because they are practically doubling production.

They believe in passing on to the buyer the full benefit of savings effected through greater and better facilities.

The completion of a $10,000,000 expansion program puts them in a better position than ever before to meet the enormous demand for a product that was always exceptionally good and is now better than ever.

New prices, to be announced January 7th, apply on all purchases since midnight December 15th.

You can therefore buy today, enjoy the immediate use of your car, and still benefit fully by the sweeping reductions.

ARNOLD-STRONG MOTOR CO.

DODGE BROTHERS MOTOR CARS

SOCIETY

Dickersons Entertain.

Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Dickerson entertained with a New Year's supper and watch party at their country home near Hopkins. Progressive rook was played at two tables and radio music was another entertaining feature. The following were entertained: Mr. and Mrs. John O'Dougherty and son, Mr. and Mrs. Alro Vanscoy, Miss Bessie McKee, Miss Hazel O'Dougherty, Miss Katherine Harris, Ira McKee and Jim Thompson.

Hostess at Watch Party.

Miss Addie Carpenter gave a watch party to a group of her friends at her home near Clearmont Thursday night. The guests were entertained at progressive games and refreshments were served at midnight. The guests included Misses Cleo Burch, Hattie Blanchard, Velma Dew, Opal Lewis, Crystal Holbrook, Cleta Bratcher, Lucile Wallace, Genovieve Gray, Pauline Bever, Ruby Gray, and Wilbur Bush, Lowell Billingsly, Louis Wallace, Martin Burch, Wilbur Maier, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bever and Miss Ollie Carpenter.

Circle No. 4.

Circle No. 4 of the Baptist Church held its monthly meeting last night at the home of Mrs. Robert Jones on South Market street with ten members and eight visitors present. Twenty benevolent and aid and eight enlistment calls and sixty-nine Bible chapters read were reported. The program opened with singing of "Guide Me O Thy Great Jehovah," and other numbers included devotions by Mrs. May Jones; prayer, Mrs. Martin Hartman; song, "I Gave My Life for Thee;" talk, Bible Fund, Mrs. Guy L. Prather; History of the Margaret Fund, Mrs. Ursle Crockett; song, "Revive Us Again;" talk, W. M. U. Training School, Mrs. Gay Leeper; selected poem, Elizabeth Prather; song, Frances Briggs; recitation, Helen Jones; and closing prayer, Mrs. C. V. Ford. The collection was eighty cents.

Elect Officers.

Mrs. Lester Reakseeker was elected president of the Rockford Community Club Thursday afternoon at the regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Dale Partridge. Other officers elected for the ensuing year were: Vice- president, Mrs. Alfred Jones; secretary, Mrs. Cleo Renshaw; and reporter, Mrs. J. R. Evans. An exchange of gifts followed the business meeting with Sue Moore as distributor. The meeting was attended by fourteen members and the following guests: Mrs. Pearl Miller, Miss Roberta Wells, Genevieve Miller, and Miss Evelyn Evans. Mrs. Cyrus Parker will entertain the club at an all-day meeting Jan. 7.

New Year's Eve Party.

Group No. 1 of the Bloomfield Needlework Club entertained members of division No. 2 New Year's eve at the Bloomfield school. A short program was given and games were played. Refreshments of sandwiches, pickles, pie and coffee were served by the entertaining side. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Martin Carmichael, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lamport, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Carmichael, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hollensbe, Mr. and Mrs. Will Morrow, Mr. and Mrs. John McClurg, Mr. and Mrs. Earl McClurg, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hanna, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hanna, Mr. and Mrs. Burleigh Swalley, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Thompson, Mrs. B. C. Clayton, Mrs. Anna Hollensbe, Mrs. Allen Burks, Misses Maudie, Bernice, Anna Bell and Mildred Hollensbe, Elnora, Lois and Helen Carmichael, Neva and Cleta McClurg, Geneva and Maxine McClurg, Ethelyn and Edith Hanna, Mary Hinton, Joseph Darl and George Eldon Swalley, Eddie and Donald Carmichael, Curtis, Charles and Robert Hanna, Lloyd and Ralph McClurg, Leland, LeRoy and Verlin Morrow, Frank and Forrest Burch, Keith Thompson and Edison Hanna. Mrs. J. H. Hanna will entertain the club at an afternoon meeting on Jan. 14 with Miss Ethelyn Hanna as assisting hostess. Members are requested to bring needles and thimbles. Roll call will be answered by "your most embarrassing moment."

Following the entertainment at the school house the young folks motored to the home of J. H. Hanna for a skating party. About fifty-five young people were in the party.

Jolly Workers.

The Arkoe Jolly Workers met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Henry Hasty in Arkoe. The afternoon was spent in tacking a quilt, after which refreshments were served. Those present were Mrs. Henry From, Mrs. Hans From, Mrs. James Hasty, Miss Mary Thompson, Miss Betty Schneider, Miss Esta Force and Miss Johanna From. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Henry From Jan. 14.

For Miss Martin.

Miss Tama Carlson entertained with a 6 o'clock dinner last evening in compliment to Miss Beverly Martin, a student at Putnam Hall, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. The table decorations were suggestive of Christmas. In addition to the honor guest, places were arranged for Misses Charmion Murray, Neola Smith, Maude Masters, Mildred and Margaret Carlson and the hostess.

Luncheon Hostess.

Miss Carrie E. Hopkins was hostess at a 1 o'clock luncheon at Hotel Linville yesterday afternoon, complimenting Miss Edith Raines of Minneapolis, Minn., and Miss Bertha Ritz and her guests, Misses Mayme and Anna Dooley of St. Joseph. Additional guests included Mrs. H. L. Raines, Mrs. Clara Heath, Mrs. A. R. Perrin, Miss Fannie Hope and Miss Nell Hudson.

Highland Club Party.

The home of G. Matter and daughter, Miss Ruth Matter, northeast of Maryville, was the scene of an enjoyable party Wednesday evening when members of the Highland Club entertained with a community party. The rooms were attractively decorated with holiday emblems and in the living room was a Christmas tree laden with gifts for all. A program consisting of songs, readings, exercises, and two short plays was given by pupils of the Highland School. Refreshments were served at the close of the evening. The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 13, at the home of Mrs. Frank Hall. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilmes, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Farrens, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Piel, Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Busby, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. Otho McDowell, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett French, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Spangler, Mr. and Mrs. Foster Wallace, Mrs. Levi Wallace, Mrs. W. H. Mires, Misses Ruth Matter, Ina Spangler, Inez Lacy, Helen Farrens, and G. Matter, Lester Looker, Eddie, Forrest, Edna Marie and Betty Lee Hall, Homer, Beulah, Rosella, Elmer, Lelia and Hugh Mires, Xetax, Tommy and Alma Ruth Kelley, Francis and Helen Marie Wilmes, Mabel and Lola Callahan, Dale Farrens, Maxine Wood, DeLoris and Dean Watkins, Otho Wilson and Anna Laurette McDowell, Helen, Daisy and Paul Richey, Ivan and Pauline Spangler and Eugene French.

Hostess at Family Dinner.

Mrs. Preston Seafers entertained with a family dinner New Year's day at her home on West Second street. Places were arranged for Mr. and Mrs. Fred Curfman, and children, Lula Mae, John, Ralph and Marguerite, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Welborn and daughter, Edna Belle, and the hostess.

Dinner Hosts.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bellows were dinner hosts at 6:30 o'clock last evening at Hotel Linville, entertaining as their guests Miss Laura Margaret Raines, Miss Mayme Grems, Miss Lucile Sturm, Joe Phipps, Jarvis Bush and Morris Chick. The hosts and their guests later played bridge at the home of Mrs. Bellows' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Randall on East Fourth street.

Watch Party.

Ella Marjorie Shell entertained with a watch party Thursday night at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Shell. The guest list included Misses Catherine Holt, Beulah Holt, Pauline Hall, Frances Shell, and Emery Hindle, Jack Hartness, Frank Colwell, John Harvey, Ivan Cockayne and Milan Shell. The hostess and her guests attended the second picture show and afterwards returned to the Shell home for a weiner roast.

Progressive Dinner Party.

Misses Ruth Hughes, Gertrude Curfman and Stella Pettigrew entertained eleven guests at a progressive dinner party last evening. The guests were first entertained at the home of Miss Hughes where fruit cocktail was served at 6:30 o'clock. Miss Curfman was hostess at the dinner course and the affair concluded with dessert and games at the home of Miss Pettigrew. Punch was served at intervals during the evening. The group included Misses Mary Elizabeth Jones, Elizabeth Greeson, Esther Roseberry, Eva Margaret Frank, Audrey Stiwalt, Mary Todd, Genevieve Todd, Gertrude Wray, Harriett Miller, Lucile Gaugh, Alice Hastings, and the three hostesses.

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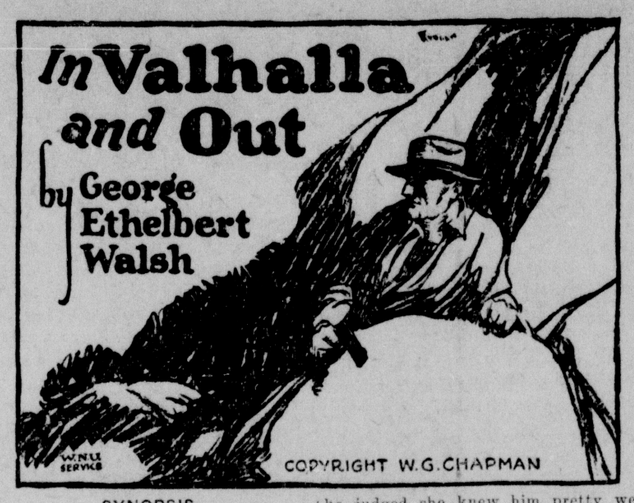

SYNOPSIS

CHAPTER I.—Fishing, in idle fashion, from a private dock, Dick Van Ness watches a ship, the Pelican, which he recognizes as the Beacon, his father's yacht before his death and financial reverses forced him to part with it. A man whom he hears a girl who accompanies him address as Mr. Blake, lands from the yacht. The girl drops her handbag in the stream, and Dick recovers it. Thanking him, she gives him her visiting card. She is Alice Cutler, niece of Stephen Cutler, successful business rival of the elder Van Ness.

CHAPTER II.—Dick overhears a conversation between Blake and Captain Brent of the Pelican which gives him the impression that the yacht is bound on a voyage of adventure to an island the name of which he does not hear.

CHAPTER III.—Acting on impulse, Dick, footloose and ready for any sort of adventure, remembers a hiding place in the main cabin of the yacht and determines to conceal himself and sail—a stowaway—with the party. Stephen Cutler, invalid, comes aboard, with his niece, and the ship sails.

CHAPTER IV.—In his retreat Dick overhears conversations between Blake and Captain Brent which appear to denote something sinister. Believing the cabin empty, Dick emerges from hiding and encounters Marie. Alice Cutler's French maid. Getting back quickly, unrecognized, the girl insists she has seen a "ghost," and is ridiculed. The yacht reaches its apparent destination an island. Dick swims ashore.

CHAPTER V.—On the island next day Van Ness witnesses an exchange of mysterious signals which he realizes are between Blake, at Cutler's house, and Captain Brent, on the yacht. He is present, unseen, while Blake and Marie speak in heated terms of things which add to the mystery of the situation. Sleeping in a boathouse near the dock, Dick is discovered by Alice. He admits he was on the yacht, and she reveals that fact that the servants who should have been at the house are mysteriously absent, only her uncle, Stephen Cutler, Doctor Alster, Blake and herself being on the island. Dick's presence is known only to Alice. The yacht sails, leaving the party.

CHAPTER VI.—Floating on a life-raft, a sailor is assisted to the shore by Van Ness. He asserts he is one of the crew of the Pelican, which is on a reef, fast breaking up, and that he volunteered to swim ashore and seek aid. Neither to Dick nor Alice, who hears the man's story, does it ring true, and Dick is more than ever convinced that some plot, engineered by Blake and involving Stephen Cutler, is afoot.

CHAPTER VII.

Dick avoided the house and its occupants, though he hung around to spy and pick up any stray conversation that he could overhear. He had reached the point where he was willing to play the eavesdropper on the slightest provocation. The mystery of the whole affair puzzled him, and he wished to get the thing straight.

He was an uninvited guest on the island, and he did not intend to make himself a nuisance. There was something wrong up at the house. Mr. Cutler was at no time visible. Whether he was sick and confined to his bed Dick could not learn.

Mr. Blake frequently came out and scurried around, sometimes alone, and at other times with Miss Cutler. Once Dick saw him with the rescued sailor, talking earnestly. But there was nothing suspicious in this. If the yacht had been wrecked, it would be natural for him to quizz the sailor to get all possible information from him.

Once the three of them walked to the edge of the highest bluff and scanned the ocean for some time. Dick watched them from a screened hiding place. Finally, at an order from Blake, the sailor left and returned to the house.

Blake and Alice remained standing a few moments, the wind tossing and whipping her skirts and golden hair. The man turned occasionally, and while he seemed to be talking to her Dick thought he eyed her greedily.

They sat down on a sheltered rock, still talking and looking seaward. A great desire to creep up behind and listen urged Dick onward, but the venture was too risky.

Suddenly another pair of eyes caught sight of them. Marie, from an upper window of the house, was watching them intently. Dick smiled and shook his head.

"Jealous!" he murmured. "A woman scorned is the worst enemy a man can have. I believe I'll court Marie, for information."

With this decision made, he watched every opportunity to meet her; but she never seemed to leave the house alone. Once he saw her in conversation with the sailor, and from her manner he judged she knew him pretty well. But even that could be explained without much difficulty. All the way down Marie had been free and easy with the crew. She was a natural flirt.

Dick spent the night in a small cave he had chosen for his headquarters. It would be difficult for anyone to find him there, and more difficult to surprise him. He reasoned that the sailor would tell Blake about meeting him, and natural curiosity, if not suspicion, would urge the latter to seek him out. A complete stranger on the lonely island would be quite a curiosity.

Several times through the day, Dick had a feeling that someone was spying on him, watching for him, and following him. Whether it was Blake or the sailor he could not decide, but it made him more cautious.

"I'll have to be constantly on my guard," he said to himself. "If Blake is up to some crime, he'd put me out of the way if he caught me. That sailor's standing in with him."

He was wide awake long before dawn, and, anxious to take his dip in the ocean before anyone else on the island was stirring, he scrambled down the rocks to the beach. Choosing a favorable spot for a swim, he threw off his outer garments and stood ready for the plunge.

Suddenly a distant, muffled hum like the buzzing of a swarm of bees aroused his interest. He stood listening, turning his head this way and that. He looked up and down the face of the cliff, at a loss to explain the intermittent buzzing. After a while his attention was directed to a thick grove of tall trees standing off by themselves on the highest point of the island, some distance away from the house.

"That's a pretty big swarm of bees," he commented, "to make all that noise. I'll take a look in that grove."

Instead of plunging into the surf, he threw on his clothes and walked up the hill. There was a peculiar metallic quality in the intermittent buzzing that had more than awakened Dick's curiosity; it had excited his suspicion.

Therefore, instead of making direct for the grove, he made a circuitous detour which enabled him to keep out of sight of anyone on the summit of the plateau. By scaling the rocks and climbing along ledges he managed to reach the grove from the opposite side.

Once within their shadows he crept from tree to tree, always following the humming as a guide. It seemed much nearer and clearer, but it was still muffled as if coming from a considerable distance.

Dawn was just beginning to streak the east with faint bars of light, but in the grove it was still dark and shadowy. In the half light Dick stumbled along until he came to a yawning hole that stretched directly across his pathway.

He stood on the very brink of it before he realized its presence. Catching himself with a start, he stepped back and peered down. The hole was a natural fissure or break in the rocks, four or five feet across and twice that distance in length. Its depth was problematical in the dim light.

It was not, however, so much the discovery of the hole that startled Dick—for he had stumbled upon many similar breaks in the plateau and along the face of the cliff—as it was the sudden realization that the buzzing he had been following came directly from beneath his feet. Somewhere below, in the dark space yawning before him, the mystifying, but no longer muffled, noises were rising in sharp staccato wave vibrations.

They were wave vibrations all right. Dick recognized their cause the instant he peered over the brink. They came from a wireless plant concealed below, and it had been only their muffled character, due to the surrounding walls of rocks, that had deceived him before.

It was impossible to see more than a foot or two below the brink, and Dick was unwilling to risk exposure by venturing too near. He sat down on a rock and listened. Familiar as he was with various wireless plants, he was unable to read the messages that the unknown one below was sending through the air.

"It's in code," he mused after a while. "Not much chance of reading it without the key."

Nevertheless, he waited and listened. He had a pretty accurate intuition of the identity of the one below. Blake had spoken of sending instructions to the yacht by wireless, and by rising early for a dip in the ocean Dick had stumbled upon the hidden plant.

From that distance it was more than likely the sounds of the buzzing could not be heard up at the house. The plant was artfully concealed in the cave-like hole, and no one would be apt to stumble upon it accidentally.

He raised his eyes to find the mast and aerials. They would at least have to be outside and in clear view. It was growing light rapidly, and the tops of the trees were in sharp silhouette against the sky. But there was no sign of a wireless mast.

A little puzzled, Dick continued to search with his eyes until they suddenly came to a focus on a point midway between two giant trees. A moment later a smile parted his lips. It was all as plain as day. The aerials were stretched from tree to tree, but in such a way that they seemed to blend with the foliage. One would hardly suspect their presence without careful scrutiny even if on the lookout for them.

He nodded his head. "Clever," he murmured. "Blake knows his business."

Suddenly he was interrupted from his reveries by the sharp click of a stone below. The wireless had ceased humming, and someone was climbing out of the hole. Dick had just time to dodge back and hide behind a big tree.

A few moments later Mr. Blake emerged from the cave, and after a few hasty glances around in the dim light he made a hurried exit from the grove. Dick watched him until he disappeared around the back of the house.

"I guess I'll take a look below," he murmured. "Don't think Blake will come back in the daytime. Got a clear coast for investigation."

There were no steps leading down into the crevice; that is, none of man's making; but nature had provided an easy descent, and as the rocks were well worn in places Dick had no difficulty in descending. It required a little skill in the dim light to find his way around when he reached solid bottom. Fifteen feet below the surface, the darkness was greatly intensified.

Dick struck a match and glanced around him. Nothing at first caught his attention, and when the flame went out he scratched another match. This time he saw the wireless in one corner of the cave, partly hidden from view by green boughs that formed a rustic screen in front of it.

Crossing the intervening space, Dick began an examination of it; but without the aid of artificial light he could get only a superficial idea of its power.

"I don't believe it has a radius of more than thirty or forty miles," he mused. "Perhaps less."

He paused to consider. "In that event," he added thoughtfully, "the yacht is laid up not very far from here—that is, unless that sailor's story is true about her being wrecked. I doubt it. It's a part of the whole mysterious plot."

He frowned at his inability to piece things together and find a solution. Recalling Alice Cutler's confession that Mr. Blake had assumed all responsibility for the yacht's sudden leaving, he became more puzzled than before.

"I wonder what excuse Blake gave her," he argued with himself. "He must have given a good one, or she would have been suspicious of him. I'll have to find out what he told her."

He hesitated between two courses. He felt quite sure Miss Cutler could help him to solve the puzzle, but she distrusted him, and would perhaps resent his inquiries. Marie, her maid, knew more about the mystery than her mistress; but she was in love with Blake, and quite naturally she would not betray him.

"I guess I'll have to go it alone, he added finally, aloud. "But I'll watch this wireless and try to intercept some of Blake's messages. If I can get hold of his code, it will be easy."

He began rummaging around in the dark. There were several old boxes and packing cases stowed in one corner, and Dick began going through their contents. He was using less caution than the circumstances warranted, rattling the papers as he hauled them out to examine.

The noise he made deafened him to a light step creeping up behind him, and he was totally unconscious of another in the cave until a quick spring startled him. He whirled around just in time to meet the blow of a club directly on his forehead.

He had a glimpse of the ugly face of the sailor he had picked up out of the sea, and heard him snarl.

"Let that teach you, me son, to keep your nose out of other people's business!"

After that came a shower of brilliant stars and complete oblivion for a time. He crumpled down in a heap at the foot of his assailant, and lay there as still as death.

After grinning down at his victim for a few moments, the seaman picked him in a pair of strong arms and carried him across the cave as easily as if he were a baby. Depositing him on the floor of a smaller cave that opened into the first one, he bound him hand and foot, and then proceeded to revive him.

Dick regained consciousness under the usual process adopted for reviving the unconscious—water from a bucket poured over his head and face—until with a gasp he raised his voice in sharp protest.

"Don't! I'm coming to."

"Reckon I didn't hurt you as much as you deserved," replied the seaman, bending over him. "All right. Sit up then an' make yourself easy."

"I will if you'll give me a chance. This rope cuts."

"Sure. That's what I intended it should do."

Sick and dazed by the blow, Dick stared at him. There was little comfort to be gained from a study of the brutal face.

"Why'd you do that?" was asked finally.

The man grinned. "Why'd you poke your nose down here?"

"Was there any law against it?" Dick asked. "I didn't see any sign prohibiting it."

"You're a cool one," retorted the other. Then, showing genuine curiosity, he asked, "How'd you get on this island? Where'd you come from? And what d'you want here?"

Dick hesitated a second before answering. Then he said frankly: "I came down on the yacht, of course. How else could I get here?"

"That, I think's a lie," was the retort. "But you can tell it to Mr. Blake. He'll be interested."

"Are you going to tell Mr. Blake?"

"Sure! He told me to spot you an' get you. He don't want anybody interfering with his plans. Reckon I'll tell him how you're here anxious to see him. S'long."

(To Be Continued).

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ODD FELLOWS NOTICE

All Odd Fellows

requested to be at hall 1 p. m. Sunday to attend funeral of Brother W. L. Ruddell.

COMBINED STATEMENT OF

First National Bank and the Gillam-Jackson Loan & Trust Co

MARYVILLE - MISSOURI

at the close of business, Dec. 31, 1925.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	$1,089,661.04
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	100,000.00
Other U. S. and Municipal Bonds	86,598.66
Stocks, Bonds and Securities	29,520.90
Cash and Sight Exchange	264,327.77
Banking House, furniture and fixtures	34,896.94
Other Real Estate	20,222.73
Title Plant	13,628.97
Redemption Fund	5,000.00
Interest earned but not collected	13,088.53
Collateral Certificates	6,500.00
Other Assets	12,029.29
	$1,675,474.83

LIABILITIES

Capital and Surplus	$ 210,000.00
Undivided Profits	36,831.57
Circulation	98,800.00
Collateral Certificates	50,000.00
DEPOSITS	**1,276,893.38**
Bonds Borrowed	2,250.00
Interest collected but not earned	448.53
Other Liabilities	251.35
	$1,675,474.83

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When The "1st" Comes Around--?

Does the first of every month find you financially ready to meet all bills? Or—does that day usually see you slipping your fingers up in your hair and doing some mental gymnastics as to how you're going to get the money to pay off this tradesman or that tradesman?

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Alabama Wins Game Yesterday by 1 Point

Pasadena, Cal., Jan. 2.—University of Alabama's football team, the champion eleven of the South, passed and rushed to triumph here yesterday against University of Washington's Huskies, champions of the Pacific Coast, and wrote the South's first pigskin history in the far West all over the New Year's day Rose bowl. The score was: Alabama, 20; Washington, 19.

George Wilson, Washington's great All-American halfback, and its tower of strength, was injured near the end of the second period, and with him went the Husky hopes as he was taken from the field.

He came back in the last quarter, but too late. The Tuscaloosa team had seen and seized its opportunity. Under the brilliant field generalship of "Pooley" Hubert, the lads from Dixie crowded enough scoring into a small portion of the third period to carry off the game. At the half Washington was leading 12 to 0.

Alabama registered 367 yards from scrimmage, as compared with Washington's 310. The Crimson made sixteen first downs and the Purple thirteen. Tuscaloosa completed four passes out of fourteen, while the Huskies made seven out of sixteen good. By the aerial route Alabama netted 154 yards and Washington 70 yards.

Washington outpunted the Southerners with an average of fifty yards, four more than the Tuscaloosa average. The punting statistics showed that Guttormsen's boot was heavier than the shoe of Gillis of Alabama. The Washington quarterback punted twice for sixty-five yards each, and once for sixty yards. Gillis also registered a 65-yard punt, but his others were shorter.

Only one penalty was called during the game, fifteen yards being imposed on Washington for holding.

Countess Would Force Her Way Into America

Washington, Jan. 2.—Countess Catherine Karolyi, through counsel, appealed to federal court to gain admission to the United States. Her attorney filed a writ of mandamus in the District of Columbia Supreme Court to compel Secretary of State Kellogg to show cause why she should be barred from the United States.

Personals

Miss Golda Goforth of Barnard will return home tomorrow after a week's visit with her brother, Robert Goforth and family.

Miss Alsamene King returned to Lincoln where she attends the University of Nebraska this morning after a holiday visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. King.

Miss Louise Peery, an instructor in the Savannah schools, will return to Savannah tomorrow after a holiday visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Peery.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wolfe of Clearmont spent yesterday with the latter's parents at Braddyville.

Miss Ora Eckles, on the faculty of Central High School, will return to Kansas City tomorrow morning after a holiday visit with her mother, Mrs. J. H. Eckles.

Miss Ora Mae Condon, who has been spending the Christmas vacation at home, will return to Chilicothe tomorrow, where she has a position in the schools.

Return from Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Beattie returned home last night from a holiday visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Beattie, at Newport, Ark.

Dr. Wallis Returns

Dr. Will Wallis returned last night from a visit of two weeks with his father, Dr. W. M. Wallis, Sr., at La Feria, Tex.

Harold Lightfoot Is Better.

Harold Lightfoot, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at St. Francis Hospital Wednesday, is reported improved today.

Returns to Mississippi

Miss Lois Halley, who has been spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Vada Halley, left this afternoon for Columbus, Miss., where she is an instructor in the Mississippi State College for Women.

Misses Carpenter Leave

Misses Lillian and Katherine Carpente left this afternoon for Canton, Ohio, where they teach in the public schools, after a holiday visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Carpenter.

Bellows Family Leaves

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bellows and daughters, Helen Marie and Marjorie, who have been holiday guests of Mrs. Bellows' father, J. R. Brink, and her sister, Mrs. R. P. Hosmer, and family, left this afternoon for their home at Glencoe, Ill.

Sues on a Note

A suit on a $5,000 note was filed yesterday in the circuit clerk's office by the Home National Bank of Dell Rapids, S. D., against Ellis J. Lyle and Mary Lyle.

Holiday Visitors Leave

Miss Mabel Wells, who has been spending the Christmas vacation with her brother, C. E. Wells, and family, left this afternoon for Shawnee, Okla., where she is an instructor in the high school. Miss Roberta Wells, who teaches in the high school at Winfield, Kan., also left this afternoon after a holiday visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Wells.

Miss Raines Leave.

Miss Edith Raines left today to resume her work in the Minneapolis, Minn., schools after a holiday visit with her brother, H. L. Raines, and family. Miss Laura Margaret Raines left this morning for the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and her sister, Miss Mabel Raines, will return to Rock Port tomorrow, after a vacation visit with their parents.

First Marriage License in 1926.

The first marriage license for the year 1926 was late yesterday afternoon when one was granted to William Koutsandreas and Crystal Reynolds of Maryville. Mr. Koutsandreas is connected with New York Candy Kitchen. They were married at 3 o'clock this afternoon by the Rev. Guy L. Prather of the First Baptist Church. They left this afternoon on a honeymoon trip to Kansas City.

The second license of the year was issued to Spencer Burke and Adora Sanderson, a negro couple, both of Omaha, Neb.

Announce Birth Of Son.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. James have received word of the birth of a son in the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold James of Omaha. The baby was born this morning.

Dies From Burns

(Elmo Register)

Word came Tuesday that Mrs. Ada Davis, who lived in Casper, Wyo., died from burns which she received from the explosion of a gas lamp. Mrs. Davis was the youngest sister of Mrs. C. E. Dilley and Geo. Tibbetts.

A SPELLING CONTEST SOON

DISTRICT CONTEST AT THE COLLEGE IN MARYVILLE.

IN THREE DIVISIONS

Rural, Elementary School and High School—County Contests Will Be Held First.

A district spelling contest will be held in Maryville at the State Teachers College some time this spring. The following letter about the contest was received today by Leslie G. Somerville, county superintendent of schools, from Charles A. Lee, state superintendent of schools:

Please write the names of three county superintendents of your teachers college district on a slip of paper and mail it to me at your earliest convenience. These will be tabulated and the three receiving the largest number of votes will constitute the committee of three to conduct the district spelling contest at the teachers college as was done last spring. This plan worked admirably last year and I am sure an equal success will be experienced this year.

The superintendents composing the committees in each teachers college district will have charge of grading the papers in the state contest as was done last spring.

The contest this year will be divided into three divisions: Rural, elementary school and high school. This will enable more children to compete in the state contest and also will not cause any competition between rural schools and elementary schools of the towns and villages. Children in rural schools of consolidated districts will compete in the rural elimination contest. All parochial schools are included in the contest.

Each county superintendent can conduct the county contest according to his or her own wishes choosing the three children who will compete in the district contest.

No word list will be sent out from the office. Words generally used in the newspapers will be used in the state contest.

All rules and regulations for the teachers college district contests shall be formulated by the committee of three whom you elect.

We are very anxious for the rural schools to have adequate libraries. I think it would be a good plan to supplement the libraries with books for adults thus extending the service of the school more fully in the district.

Doubtless the State Library Commission of Jefferson City could render a valuable service to the rural districts by supplying traveling libraries.

Miss Opal Jones, who has been spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Jones, will return to Topeka, Kan., tomorrow where she is attending Strickler's Business College.

Clarence Cook returned to Kansas City last night after a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cook.

Donald Goforth is spending the week end at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Goforth, in Bolckow.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hulet returned yesterday from Oklahoma City, Okla., where they spent the holidays with their daughters, Misses Dale, Wave and Arlie Hulet.

Miss Merle Ford returned to Lebanon, Mo., this morning, where she teaches after a holiday visit with her mother, Mrs. J. S. Ford, and her sister, Miss Gladys Ford.

Mrs. Frank Green and son, Eldon, of Hannibal, who have been visiting the former's mother, Mrs. Melissa Casteel, and her sisters, Mrs. George Wallace and Mrs. Guy Mutz, left this morning for their home.

AUNT HET

"I meant to get a brown dress this time instead o' black, but Pa was ailin' and I didn't want to tie up money in something I couldn't wear."

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SOCIETY

Slumber Party.

Reba Butler will give a radio and slumber party to four of her girl friends tonight at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Butler. Those entertained will be Gladys Bartram, Virginia Lucas, Joyce Johnson and Arlene Sherman.

Entertain at Rook.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Conley entertained with a rook party last night at their home on North Main street. Music and refreshments were also features of the evening's entertainment. Their guests included Mr. and Mrs. Fisher Mercer and son, Mr. and Mrs. Will Thornhill and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harry McGinness and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Vaughn and family, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Conley and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Brummett and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Tarpley and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Verlin Conley and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brogan and daughter, Miss Mary Gross and Ted Vaughn.

Watch Party at Shelton Home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Shelton entertained the Knabb Country Club at a watch party Thursday night at their home, west of Maryville. The evening was spent in playing games, the high-score prizes going to Mrs. Jesse Smith and Clark Lambert. Radio music was enjoyed throughout the evening and several harp selections were given by Harve Booth and William Job. Refreshments of sandwiches, pickles, salad, cake and coffee were served. The following members were entertained: Mr. and Mrs. Harve Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Presley Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Arch Willhoyte, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Willhoyte, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Knabb, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Nicholas, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Smith, Mr. and Mrs. William Job, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Karl Zimmerman, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Job, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shackelford, Mr. and Mrs. Will Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Lambert, Mr. and Mrs. Harve Booth, Mr. and Mrs. Rollie White, Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Hall, Misses Pauline Thompson, Hazel Mitchell, Roberta Willhoyte, Vivian Hall, Alice Pauline Nicholas, Anna Margaret Lambert, Martha Sue Zimmerman, Georgia and Martha Shelton, Edith Smith, Helen Marjorie and Kathryn Job, Forrest Stark, Junior Nicholas, Ross Smith, Raymond and Harold Lee Job, Henry Zimmerman, Truman, William and Edward Shelton, Jimmie Booth, David White, Kenneth Shelton, Wilson, Welburn and Wilfred Shelton and the hosts. Additional guests were Mr. and Mrs. William Job, sr., Mrs. John Fox of Burlington Junction and Misses Genevieve Messersmith, Eva Honer and Velma White. Mrs. Ernest Willhoyte and Mrs. M. J. Willhoyte will be hosfesses at an all-day meeting on Jan. 14.

Jolly Farmers Club.

The Jolly Farmers Club was entertained last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Jones, south of Maryville. Divided into groups, the members edited a club newspaper with contests between the various departments. Refreshments was the concluding feature of the evening. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. John Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Rol Evans, Mr. and Mrs. James Evans, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mutz, Mrs. Pearl Miller and daughter, Genevieve, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Mutz, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Fleetwood, Miss Elna Scott, Miss Dorothy England, Kenneth and Evelyn Evans, Earl Evans, Walter Mutz, Graham Malotte, Beulah, Delberta and Mary Elizabeth Mutz, LeRoy, Mary Alice, Katherine and Loretta Jones and the hosts. The next meeting will be with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mutz.

H. K. G. Club.

Members of the Mozingo Valley H. K. G. Club were entertained Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Will Shelman. Quilting was the diversion for the afternoon and refreshments were served, the hostess being assisted by Misses Alice May Whitman and Verna Pistole, who were guests of the club. These members were present: Mrs. Doyle Moore, Mrs. Lewis Pistole, Mrs. Charlie Florea, Mrs. Ernest Wray, Mrs. Frank Ham, Mrs. Will Hantze, Mrs. Roy Killam and Mrs. Dale Wiley. The club will hold an all-day meeting Jan. 14 with Mrs. Frank Ham when members are requested to bring thimbles.

Wilcox Rebekah Lodge.

The Wilcox Rebekah Lodge met in regular session last night with Mrs. Lila Kable, vice-grand, presiding. After the business session I. O. O. F. members gave a playlet and refreshments of pie and coffee were served. The Rebekah officers will be installed at the meeting next Friday night. At the close of the installation the degree team will practice and a "hit and miss" supper will be served. About forty were present at last night's meeting.

Entertain Gleaners Class.

The Rev. and Mrs. T. M. Walton entertained the Gleaners Class of the Pickering Christian Church at their home last night. A debate, music and refreshments were the features of the evening. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Xa Lincoln, Mr. and Mrs. Orlo Lincoln and family, Mrs. Byron Hanna, Mrs. Ben Gossard, Mrs. Roy McMullin, Mrs. Elmer Hornbuckle and son and Vilas and Marcella Walton.

Entertain at Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Trullinger and sons, Glen and Harry, entertained with a New Year's dinner for Mrs. S. J. Williams of Lovilla, Ia., Mrs. Ella Trullinger, Miss Gara Williams and Frank Reed.

New Year's Party.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Zimmerman were hosts at a New Year's party last night in compliment to several of the latter's cousins, who have been spending the holidays at home. Rook was the entertaining feature and refreshments were served. Those entertained were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sawyers, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Hackett, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sawyers, Mr. and Mrs. George Neff and little daughter, Betty Jean, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Brand of Savannah, Henry Sawyers, Reed McJimsey and J. T. Murphy.

Chicago Bandit Takes Big Safe with $1,500

Chicago, Jan. 2.—While police were searching today for a lone bandit who last night escaped with more than $1,000 from the McBicker Theater, while it was crowded with a New Year's audience, another burglar this morning carried away a 1,200-pound safe from the Crystal Theater, containing $1,500.

Another Child, Shot by Mother, Is Dead

Oklahoma City, Jan. 2.—Dorothy Townsley, 5, one of the four children shot yesterday by her demented mother, Mrs. Ruth Townsley, died today from three bullet wounds. She was the third to die. The other two were killed instantly. Mrs. Townsley, 27, is in a hospital here today suffering of what physicians believe is temporary insanity.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Cochran and son and Miss Ruby Minter of Burlington Junction were in Maryville today.

Wonderful Values in

OVERCOATS

We haven't cut the quality, for that remains at its usual high standard, but the prices have been radically reduced to insure immediate clearance of these fine garments. Values are here such as you haven't seen in months.

MONTGOMERY CLOTHING CO.

Get to Know Us. Prices in Plain Figures.

WILL TELL YOU MORE MONDAY

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SEWELL AUTO CO.

WILLYS-OVERLAND FINE MOTOR CARS.

Stationery

You will always find need for distinctive stationery—whether it is for answering your friends for Xmas gifts or greetings or whether for your correspondence.

We have a large selection of stationery that is distinctive yet inexpensive.

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All orders from outside of Maryville must be accompanied by cash.

For further information, contract rates on Want Ads, etc., address The Advertising Department, The Democrat-Forum and Tribune, Maryville, Missouri.

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Hanamo 152 Farmers 81

Monuments 2

Mark every grave

with a MEMORIAL
MARYVILLE GRANITE WORKS
"We have no Agents."

Flowers 4

EVERY FARM HOME

Should have its own supply of apples, cherries, plums, pears, grapes, berries, etc. We sell you only the best varieties.

MURRAY NURSERIES

Professional 8

Dr. K. Sears

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Calls answered promptly day or night.
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Office Hours.

On Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
9 to 12 a. m.
2 to 6 p. m. and 7 to 8 p. m.

Hanamo 314 Farmers 115

Lost 10

LOST—In Maryville business section, a yellow gold Swiss movement wrist watch; black ribbon attached, stem missing, engraving in center, yellow gold dial, numbers 5 and 12 partly erased.—Opal Ingram, Parnell, Mo. Reward.

Store READ WANT ADS wanted

AUTOMOTIVE

Automobiles for Sale 12

Bargains In

Used Cars

1921—Buick 5 passenger Touring.
1921—"Hup" Touring.
1920—Dodge Pannel Business.
1920—Dodge Touring.
1923—Ford Coupe.
1923—Ford Touring.

RABORN McCOMB MOTOR CO.
Lowery Hardware Bldg.

Studebaker Sales and Service

GUARANTEED
FORD
USED
CARS

2—1924 Ford Tourings
1—1923 Ford Touring
2—1922 Ford Tourings
1—1923 Ford Runabout
1—1922 Ford Coupe
1—1924 One Ton Truck, Cab body and stock rack.

BARMANN AUTO COMPANY

Dodge Brothers

DEPENDABLE USED CARS

1—1926 Dodge Special A Sedan.
1—1925 Dodge Special B Sedan.
1—1924 Dodge Touring.
1—1925 Essex-6 Coach.
1—1922 Dodge Touring.

ARNOLD STRONG MOTOR CO.
Dodge Brothers
Sales and Service

Some Good
USED CAR VALUES

BUICK-6 Roadster. This car has had exceptionally good care and is a real value.
1920 Buick-6 Touring. Good.
FORD Touring, nearly new.

GEORGE MCMURRY
Buick Sales and Service.

Hudson Essex

1—1924 Durant. Good.
1—1924 Hudson Coach.
1—1924 Essex Touring.
1—1920 Overland Touring.

HUDSON-CARLSON MOTOR CO.
Hudson Sales and Service
Kramer Garage

OUTSTANDING

Used Car Values

1—1925 Buick Touring. Excellent condition. Looks like new.
1—1925 Ford Touring.
1—1924 Ford Touring.
1—1924 Ford Roadster.
2—International Trucks.
1—Chevrolet Truck.

ALL the above are in good condition and will give someone a great deal of service.

SEWELL AUTO CO.

Willys Overland Fine Motor Cars
Maryville, Mo.

Auto Accessories, Tires, Parts 13

WANTED—Curtains to repair. Doors made to open and close with door; celluloid sewed in.—Lanning Tire and Top Company, Maryville.

Garages, Taxis 14

MARYVILLE ST JOSEPH BUS LINE
DAILY

Leaves Maryville	Arrives St. Joe
7:30 a. m.	9:40 a. m.
1:00 p. m.	3:20 p. m.
Leaves St. Joe	Arrives Maryville
1:00 p. m.	3:20 p. m.
4:30 p. m.	6:40 p. m.

SUNDAY

Leaves Maryville	1:45 p. m.
Leaves St. Joe	4:30 p. m.

C. R. HASTINGS, Mgr.

BUSINESS SERVICE

Heating, Plumbing, Roofing 19

WINTER HEATING

Your furnace, if properly installed, should heat uniformly all of the rooms. If your furnace does not something is wrong with the piping. Consult us for your furnace troubles.

HEIDEMAN & LEET

Coal, Wood Etc. 20

COAL

Cars Wyoming lump, best Franklin County lump, egg or nut, No. 2 Illinois nut, arriving daily.

WM. EVERHART
Coal—Ice—Wood—Feed.

Coal, Wood Etc. 20

Shoemaker-Bovard

Transfer, Storage, Coal and Sand.
WE SOLICIT YOUR INQUIRY.

LIVESTOCK

Poultry and Supplies 33

FOR SALE—10 dozen brown leghorn hens, Farmers 13-20.—Mrs. Erb Mozingo.

FOR SALE—6 Buff Orphington cockerels.—Mrs. Frank T. Hall, Farmers 514.

Horses, Cattle, Swine 34

FOR SALE—Good 5-year-old Jersey cow and 6-month-old calf.—Eph Tilton, 1101 East 4th Street.

MERCHANDISE

Articles for Sale 37

ALLADIN LAMPS

Burn 94 per cent air and 6 per cent oil.
Price $3.50

CASE FURNITURE EXCHANGE

FOR SALE—Willard piano; good condition.—Mrs. Ida McKenzie, 1302 East Thompson, Hanamo 189.

USED FURNITURE

JUST IN—Extra good used Dresser, Buffet, Duofold, Dining Table, Library Table, Walnut Drop-Leaf Table, Mahogany Stand Lamp, and Cook Stove.
CASE FURNITURE EXCHANGE

FOR SALE—York Cornet, in B-Flat and A; good condition.—Hanamo 4535.

FOR SALE—Good 30x4 casing; also other casings.—802 East Thompson.

Radio

BATTERY SERVICE

Fisher Battery Station.—Hanamo 148, Farmers 113.

Visit Our

Gift Shop

Department

RAINES & CHAVIS

FOR SALE—Good Clover and Timothy hay; some bailed, some loose; 800 bushels good seed oats.—Farmers 4-11.

FOR SALE—Edison; good as new.—Mrs. Guy D. Aley, Farmers 31-19.

Articles for Sale 37

FOR SALE—30 acre stock field.—Mrs. Ethel Robinson, 210 South Mulberry.

Missouri Corn Won In Iowa.

At the corn show held in Hamburg, Iowa last week, Emery Clark, of northwest of Burlington Junction took first prize on the best ten ears, any color in the professional class, and also exhibited the grand champion ten ears.

RESIDENCES AND ROOMS

Apartments and Flats 39

For Rent

Two Ideal Apartments
5 and 6 rooms each.
Possession now.
CHAS. HYSLOP.

Houses for Rent 42

FOR RENT—6 room house, modern except heat. Possession January 1.—See Dr. K. C. Cummins.

FOR RENT—Six room house with lights and water arranged for two families; immediate possession.—A. K. Frank.

FOR RENT—January 1, new modern house, close in.—Charles Jensen.

Houses for Rent 42

FOR RENT—7 room, modern except heat; 1½ blocks from square.—Tom Stinson.

FOR RENT—2 modern rooms, unfurnished; private bath.—J. D. Dickerson, 302 East 6th or A. L. Nash.

Rooms for Rent 43

FOR RENT—2 modern rooms, furnished for light housekeeping. Also garage if wanted.—Inquire this office.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

Farms and Land for Sale 46

IMPROVED TRACT.

17 acres adjoining Maryville, near pavement. Land in good state of cultivation and plenty of improvements. Adapted to truck farming. Can sell on good terms. No trade considered. If you want something close to High School and College, better see this.

C. D. ALLEN.
119 East 4th Street.

Houses for Sale 47

FOR SALE—6 room modern house in good condition. On paved street. Garage. Must sell.—See J. D. Richey, Nodaway Valley Bank.

E. A. Daugherty of near Burlington took second on the best yellow single ear and second on the ten ears yellow, amateur class.

S. S. Webb exhibited his corn at Mound City early in December, taking sweepstakes and first in the ten ear class, second on single ear and third on the ten entries. He also took third premium on his white Leghorn roosters. —Burlington Junction Post.

Geo. Shoptaugh to Excelsior Springs

(Elmo Register)

George P. Shoptaugh, who has been troubled with rheumatism for several weeks, left Tuesday for Excelsior Springs for treatments. Mrs. Shoptaugh accompanied him and Fred Bain drove their car for them, returning in the evening. It is hoped these treatments will be very beneficial to Mr. Shoptaugh, and that he will soon be on our streets again.

Wheat Acreage to Be Less Because of Rain

Crop Is Expected To Be Smallest In Twenty-Seven Years, According To Federal And State Reports.

Jefferson City, Jan. 2.—The Missouri wheat crop will be the smallest in twenty-seven years. It is 63 per cent of normal, which is the lowest in fifty years. The adverse weather conditions will be the smallest since 1874. The present acreage is 1,261,000 as compared with 1,752,000 acres last year.

This is the substance of the federal and state department of agriculture's report issued today. Continuous rains prevented the seeding of much of the acreage. Conditions are lowest in the northwest, east, northeast and southeast parts of the state, according to the report.

The report states that farmers planned to increase this year's acreage by 30 per cent over the 1924 acreage, but due to the unfavorable weather a great portion of the land could not be seeded.

Millions of Dollars Damage From Floods

Germany And Belgium Suffer Most From Rising Waters—Conditions Improving In France.

London, Jan. 2.—Flood conditions continue in the Thames valley. The river continues to rise and boats are the only means of communication for many of the Thames villages.

Berlin, Jan. 2.—Flood damage along the Rhine and Moselle will run into many millions of dollars. Damage already done in Cologne is already estimated at more than five million dollars. The flood tides in Cologne have broken a record of more than a century.

Brussels, Jan. 2.—Thirty million francs is the estimated damage done by floods, which have already swept Belgium and which have not yet subsided. The city of Namere is without bread and dikes have broken at Gibet.

Paris, Jan. 2.—The Seine fell slightly during the night and conditions are bettering throughout the country.

Abandons Schooner Off Cape Race, Report

Halifax, Jan. 2.—The three-masted schooner, Myrtle Percy, has been abandoned off Cape Race, according to radio messages picked up today from a Dutch steamship. No mention was made of the whereabouts of the crew but it is presumed they went aboard the Dutch steamer.

Mrs. W. E. Courtney and daughters, Katherine and Ellen Elizabeth returned to Kansas City yesterday morning after a holiday visit with Mrs. Courtney's brothers and sisters.

DAILY MARKET REPORT

All grain exchanges were closed today and therefore no reports are available.

OMAHA LIVESTOCK

Cattle

Receipts 200; market steady.

Hogs

Receipts 4,000; market 25c to 35c up.

Sheep

Receipts 2,000; market nominal.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK

Hogs

Receipts 6,000; market 10c up.

Cattle

Receipts 500; market uneven.

Sheep

Receipts 5,000; market steady.

ST. JOSEPH LIVE STOCK.

Hogs

Receipts 1,000; market steady to 10c up.

Top, $11.75; bulk, $11.50 to $11.75.

Cattle

Receipts 50; nominal.

Sheep

Receipts 500; nominal.

EAST ST. LOUIS LIVE STOCK

Cattle

Receipts 350; market lower.

Hogs

Receipts 3,000; market 10c to 20c up.

Sheep

Receipts 250; steady to weak.

KANSAS CITY LIVESTOCK

Hogs

Receipts 2,000; market 10c up.
Bulk, $11.40 to $11.75.
Heavies, $11.35 to $11.65.
Butchers, $11.40 to $11.85.
Lights, $11.70 to $11.85.
Pigs, $11.50 to $12.25.

Cattle

Receipts 250; market steady.
Prime fed steers, $12 to $12.50.
Dressed beef steers, $7.75 to $12.
Western steers, $7.75 to $11.25.
Southern steers, $6.50 to $9.75.
Cows, $3.50 to $8.25.
Heifers, $6 to $11.
Stockers and feeders, $6 to $9.50.
Bulls, $4 to $5.50.
Calves, $5.50 to $11.

Sheep.

Receipts None; market steady.
Spring lambs, $15 to $15.40.
Yearlings, $11.50 to $13.
Ewes, $8 to $8.75.
Wethers, $8.75 to $9.50.
Stockers and feeders, $14.75 to $15.35.

LOCAL MARKETS.

Eggs, per doz.	30c
Cream, per lb	40c
Heavy Hens, per lb.	23c
Heavy Springs, per lb	20c
Leghorn Hens, per lb	14c
Leghorn Springs, per lb	14c
Staggs, per lb	16c
Ducks, per lb	15c
Geese, per lb	13c
Cocks, per lb	7c
Hides, per lb	7c

PICKERING NOTES.

O. G. Null.

John Grimitt a former resident of this community now living near Maysville was here Monday on a business trip and visited a few of his former neighbors.

Harlan Wray of Battle Creek, Mich., and Frank Wray of Hamburg, Iowa, visited relatives here a few hours Monday.

Charles Lewis and W. P. Scott of Hopkins were business visitors here the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Lock of Huron, South Dakota, left for their home Tuesday after a months visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Wagner, parents of Mrs. Lock and with other relatives here.

They were accompanied on their trip home by James Swaney of Minden, South Dakota, who had been visiting his mother, Mrs. George W. Swaney of Xenia neighborhood and other relatives here for a few days.

They expected to drive to Huron in two days unless they found too much snow in Iowa.

Bryan Hanna and family moved the first of the week from a farm east of Bloomfield School house to one of the G. H. Swaney farms in Xenia neighborhood.

I. W. Coler of Rosendale was looking after business interests here on Thursday.

Adelbert McMillen of St. Louis, who spent Christmas here at the home of his father, C. G. McMillen left here Monday evening for Chicago where he will attend a convention of Librarians the remainder of the week.

He has been granted a year's leave of absence by Washington University of which he is Librarian and expects to spend most of it in Europe.

James Williams arrived here Wednesday from Milner, South Dakota where he has been working with a threshing crew for the past three months.

Mrs. Calvin Pugh of Clarksdale visited at the home of her mother, Mrs. Rebecca Hewitt, the first of the week.

Mrs. W. T. Tindall of Leahy, Washington arrived here last week to spend the winter with her mother, Mrs. Rebecca Hewitt.

A Christmas dinner was given Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Loch, Sr. A color scheme of red and green was carried out in the decorations. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Loch, Goldia Hill and son, Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Denver Loch and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moore and family of Bedford, Iowa, Miss Pauline Spurgeon of Maryville, Fred and Harold Loch.

LITTLE BRICK.

The total for the sale of Christmas seals was $3.90. This was an average of more than fifty cents per pupil.

The community meeting held Dec. 22, in connection with the Christmas program was well attended. Reverend Ragsdale made an interesting talk on the necessity of a four-fold education. Refreshments of sandwiches, pickles, pie and coffee were served.

Miss Edith Jones a student of State Teachers College and Miss Katherine and Virginia Carter, students of the Tarkio College were visitors at Little Brick Wednesday.

F. D. Walker and son, Neal, and daughters, Lettie and Anna, motored to St. Joseph, Wednesday. Miss Lettie is having dental work done there.

Bedison

We have been having some real winter weather the last few days. Pretty hard on radiators as several found to their sorrow.

A splendid program was rendered Christmas eve by the school and greatly enjoyed by a large crowd.

Frank Gwinns gave a Christmas dinner to a number of friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Murl Tompson and baby spent Sunday at the latter's parents home John Jackson, south of Maryville.

Stanley Sweangen, the son of Carl Sweangen has been very sick the past two weeks with tonsilitis.

Harry Coulter and wife and children took Christmas dinner with Mr. Coulters father, who lives in Arkoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wynn and son, Dale, spent Sunday at Grant City, Mo., with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Anderson, parents of Mrs. Wynn.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Smith of Kansas City, Mo., and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Negrus, of Waterloo, Ia., spent the week end with their sister, Mrs. A. A. Scheffler and father, Chas. Smith.

Miss Jessie Roach, a student at Maryville spent her vacation at the home of her father, Charles Roach.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Coulters announce the birth of a daughter. All doing fine.

Grant Bright and daughter, Blanche, of Savannah, Mo., spent Christmas vacation with his brother-in-law, Moris Bryant and wife.

WORKMAN'S CHAPEL.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Workman took dinner Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Workman at Maryville.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sexson and son Harold, spent Christmas with Mrs. Sexson's mother, Mrs. Lonnie Maddox at Clearmont.

Verlin Koger is visiting this week with John Koger and sons at Gaynor.

Charles Pierson and Dale and Maye Pierson visited with friends and relatives at Skidmore Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Van Pelt and children spent Chrismas with Mrs. Van Pelt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bigley at Tarkio.

A family reunion was held at C. F. Pierson's Christmas day. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hitchings of Kansas City, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hardesty and family of Wilcox, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pierson and family, Jay Pierson and sons, Bert, Morris and Opal Pierson, and Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Pierson.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Ewing and Miss Bonnie Koger visited with Mrs. Ewing's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hamilton at Blanchard, Iowa, Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Hayes and Mrs. Susan Hayes spent Christmas with Mrs. Hattie Edwards at Wilcox.

Charles Pierson and Dale and Maye Pierson spent Saturday with Mr. Pierson's uncle, Charles Pearson and family at Clarinda, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Britton spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Glynn Britton and family at Burlington Junction.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Stokes and daughter of Craig visited in Maryville today with Mrs. Stokes' mother, Mrs. Sarah Willard.

INSIST UPON KEMP'S BALSAM for that COUGH

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THE DEMOCRAT-FORUM AND TRIBUNE

LITTLE ORPHAN ANNIE: You Never Can Tell

WELL, EMILY MARIE - THIS IS PRETTY SOFT, EH? BETTER'N BUNKIN ON A WINDOW SILL I BETCHA -
BERTHA'S A SWELL KID ALL RIGHT - SHE DIDN'T HAVE TO GIVE ME BACK THAT DOLL BUGGY - COURSE SANTA MEANT FOR ME TO HAVE IT BUT SHE DIDN'T HAVE TO LET ON SHE KNEW -
YES SIR - SHE'S A SQUARE SHOOTIN' KID - THAT'S WHAT SHE IS - AN' I THOUGHT SHE WAS A LITTLE SMART ALECK -
OH WELL, THAT JUST SHOWS YOU - YOU CAN'T EVER TELL WHAT FOLKS ARE LIKE INSIDE JUST BY LOOKIN AT 'EM -
HAROLD GRAY
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Threshing Association Has Annual Banquet

Ten Families In Pioneer Cooperative Organization of Myrtle Tree Neighborhood Have Oyster Supper.

The fourteenth annual banquet of the Myrtle Tree Threshing Company was held last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Dowden, with the ten members and their families present.

The Myrtle Tree threshing association was one of the first co-operative projects organized in Nodaway County. It is a purely neighborhood organization and has been successful since its start. Besides returning a profit to its members, the company has been able to keep all its equipment in good repair, having had three outfits.

The banquet last night took the form of an oyster supper and everything that goes with it. It was followed by an evening of games, music and conversation.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Dowden, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dowden and children, Harold, Harvey, Lila, Iola, Wilson, Wesley, Lloyd and Dorothy; Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Dowden and children, Franklin and Evelyn; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dowden and sons, Donald and Elbert, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Dowden and children, Forrest, Jr., Lulu, Willard and Willis Elgin; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dowden and children, Ralph, Leslie and Irene; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Partridge, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Taylor and sons, Robert and J. B.; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wray, and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bainum.

Additional guests were Miss Blanche McMillen of Maryville, who is a weekend guest in the Albert Dowden home, and Dr. H. S. Holt, also of Maryville.

Community Club Formed at Champion Hill

A community club was organized in the Champion Hill school district, near Parnell, at the schoolhouse last night. Mrs. Ollie Waldier was chosen president and Mrs. Alice Lyle vice-president. Mrs. Marion Lyle was elected secretary. The club will sponsor educational and social activities. It will meet on the last Friday night in each month. An oyster supper and short program was given at the meeting last night.

Grand Lecturer Will Come Here Jan. 11-12

J. R. McLachlan of Kahoka, Mo., grand lecturer of the Masonic State Grand Lodge, will be in Maryville on Monday and Tuesday, January 11 and 12, and will hold a lodge of instruction here for all of the Masonic lodges in Nodaway County.

Pickering Quintet Loses to Westboro

Pickering's town basketball team lost a game at Westboro last night by a score of 41-26. Westboro has a fast team and the Pickering quintet was handicapped by the small court upon which the game was played.

Snodgrass Leaves for Neodesha, Kan. Revival

The Rev. R. E. Snodgrass left this afternoon for Neodesha, Kan., where he will be in charge of an evangelistic service for about a month. He also has scheduled meetings for Somerset, Ky., Kansas City and Oklahoma City. He expects to return to Maryville for a few days after the Neodesha meeting.

National Bank Call Issued by Comptroller

Washington, Jan. 2.—The comptroller of the currency today issued a call for a report on the condition of all national banks as of the close of business December 31.

Bandit Gets $6,000 in Thrilling Hold-up

Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 2.—In one of the most daring hold-ups ever staged here, bandits today slugged Walter Portune, watchman of the Palace Theater, dynamited the theater safe and escaped with $6,000. More than twenty persons were in the theater at the time.

CHOICE CUT FLOWERS AND POTTED PLANTS
for all occasions.
Kissinger Greenhouses
Block south of Hospital
Phone 374.

Reduction Sale
ON ALL GOODS
IN STOCK
Dietz & Keck

North Abuttment of Bridge Is Completed

Finish of Structure by Spring Is Expected.—Highway East of Mary- To Be Improved Next?

Completion of the north abuttment to the concrete bridge on the state highway leading to Pickering was expected today by E. Warren Gotwals, project engineer here. The highway department hopes to have the bridge completed before spring.

The project on the Pickering road was inspected this week by J. E. Carlson of St. Joseph, division engineer, and he also went over the other projects in the county.

Another visitor from the St. Joseph office was C. J. Bussjaeger, assistant division maintenance engineer. He conferred with Martin Deckman on reorganization of the maintenance forces in the county.

Announcement by N. R. Sack, division engineer at St. Joseph, that he would be in Maryville next week and that a survey would be made soon of the highway leading east from Maryville is taken here as an indication that that road is siated for improvement next.

Eastern Star Officers at Pickering Installed

Officers of the Eastern Star chapter at Pickering were installed at a regular meeting of the lodge there last night. Mrs. E. F. Hamlin, district deputy grand matron for the seventh district, installed the officers. She was assisted by Miss Gladys Ford. Other guests from Maryville included Mrs. Albert Appleby, Mrs. Ernest Kessler and J. M. Hantz.

The following officers were installed:

Worthy Matron, Mrs. Bessie Hull.
Worthy Patron, Mr. Leslie Hanna.
Associate Matron, Mrs. Gertie Robinson.
Secretary, Miss Ethel Swinford.
Treasurer, Mrs. Mary A. Neal.
Conductress, Mrs. Carrie Hanna.
Associate Conductress, Mrs. Alma Reed.
Chaplain, Mrs. Ella McKee.
Marshall, Mrs. Laura Garten.
Pianist, Mrs. Chloe Clayton.
Adah, Mrs. Anna McMillen.
Ruth, Mrs. Florence Shreve.
Esther, Mrs. Daisy Smail.
Martha, Mrs. Maysel Runnels.
Electa, Mrs. Mabel McGinness.
Warder, Mrs. Rosie McGuire.
Sentinel, Mr. C. E. Hull.

Spuhler Funeral to Be Held Tomorrow

The funeral of David Spuhler of Skidmore, who committed suicide by hanging sometime yesterday morning, will be held at the M. E. Church at Skidmore at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning. The services will be conducted by the Rev. J. J. Cokely and burial will be in the Skidmore cemetery.

Two Held in Death Down Elevator Shaft

St. Louis, Jan. 2.—A verdict of a criminal jury today ordered that Chester S. Kelly, 17, elevator operator, and John J. Kindall, building engineer, be held on charges of criminal carelessness in the death of John H. McCluney, who plunged to his death down an elevator shaft Thursday.

Miller Funeral Held at Bolckow Today

The body of Mrs. Delmar Miller of Butte, Mont., who died last Monday, arrived in Bolckow last night and was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Belle Davenport of Maryville. Funeral services were held at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon at the Walnut Grove Church, east of Bolckow. The Rev. R. E. Snodgrass of Maryville officiated. Mrs. Snodgrass, accompanied by Mrs. John G. Mutz, sang several selections. Among those from Maryville who attended the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Snodgrass, Mrs. Mutz, W. A. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Strong, Miss Frances Miller, Miss Virginia Rose, and Mrs. Banner Brummett.

Forbes and Thompson Sentences Are Upheld

Circuit Court of Appeals Affirms Two Year Prison Terms and Fines of $10,000 Each.

Chicago, Jan. 2.—The Circuit Court of Appeals today upheld the sentence of two years in prison and fines of $10,000 each imposed upon Col. Charles R. Forbes, former head of the veterans' bureau, and John W. Thompson of St. Louis.

In handing down the opinion on the petition of the defendants, who were found guilty of bribery and conspiracy to defraud the government, the court failed to find errors in the twelve-weeks trial proceedings.

Mrs. Lansdowne Quits Fight on Navy Head

Declares Her Peace as Result of Report of Court of Inquiry Exonerating Husband of Blame.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Mrs. Zachary Lansdowne, widow of the commander of the ill-fated dirigible, Shenandoah, declared her peace with the navy department today. After months of bitter fighting she called it "quits" with the chief of the navy, she said, because of the report of the court of inquiry, which investigated the dirigible disaster, which exonerated her husband of all blame.

The report was submitted to Secretary of Navy Wilbur, who made it public today.

Read the Want Ads.

Pledges Support to Waterways System

Gulfport, Miss., Jan. 2.—Active support of the fight for the early completion of the Lakes to Gulf waterways system was announced today by the Mississippi Coast club, consisting of 2,000 leading business men and industries in the Gulf Coast states.

The club, next to the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce, probably the largest commercial and industrial body on the coast, represents the commercial and industrial interests of Gulfport, Bloxi, Lon Beach and Pass Christian Bay.

Students Pledge Aid in Opposing Military

Evanston, Ill., Jan. 2.—The use of American churches, as represented by the 900 delegates attending the interdenominational students conference, was pledged to the abolition of war.

The conference adopted a resolution today opposing military training in the public schools, colleges and universities.

Much Damage From Earthquake in Italy

Shocks Most Severe In Venice And Trieste—Thousands Have Fled To Open Places.

Rome, Jan. 2.—The Italian earthquake assumed serious proportions today with latest advises indicating that it had been most severe in Venice and Trieste. Much damage has been done to property. Thirty thousand persons have fled to the open spaces.

Latest reports state that five severe shocks were experienced in Venice, lasting from a few seconds to more than a minute.

Five Reported Killed in Factory Explosion

Many Are Injured In Blast And Fire In Turpentine And Rosin Plant At Pensacola, Fla.

Pensacola, Fla., Jan. 2.—Five men were killed and twenty-five injured in an explosion and fire at the million-dollar plant of the Newport Rosin and Turpentine Co. here today, according to a report to police.

With the building still burning, fireman were searching for the bodies of men believed to be in the plant.

Body Burns When Fire Destroys Funeral Home

Jonesboro, Ark., Jan. 2.—The body of R. C. Wellin, a prominent planter, was incinerated here today as it was being prepared for burial at the undertaking establishment, which was destroyed by fire.

Army Official Dies in Capital Hospital

Washington, Jan. 2.—Maj.-Gen. William H. Hart, quartermaster-general of the army, died at Walter Reed Hospital this morning after a brief illness. General Hart was 61 years old. He was a native of Minnesota and was graduated from West Point in 1888.

Mrs. J. F. Goodson and daughters, Marjorie and Shirley of Topeka, Kan., will leave tomorrow morning for their home after a Christmas visit with the former's father, E. W. Johnson.

Gerald Marvin Miller, 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Miller of Conception Junction, is ill of diphtheria.

Mrs. John Dorr, who recently underwent an operation at St. Francis Hospital, returned to her home in Bedford, Ia., today.

BILL HART
in
"TUMBLE WEEDS"
is coming to the
COLLEGE
Next Thursday and Friday.
Watch for further announcement.
Also a Krazy Kat comedy.

Electric Theatre
Matinee Sat. 2:30 and 4:10. Admission
Night 7:30 and 9:00 10c and 30c
Tonight Only
Bebe Daniels, Kenneth Harlan & T. Roy Barnes in "The Crowded Hour"
The tale of a girl who drained the cup of pleasure and found her soul in the dregs. Also a two reel western, Fred Humes in "THE RIDER OF THE PASS."
Monday and Tuesday, January 4 and 5—
Bert Lytell, Stuart Holmes and Charlotte Merriam in "STEELE OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED"
By James Oliver Curwood. One of the greatest Northwest pictures of the season. Also Monday a comedy, "Smoked Out."

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF THE
Nodaway Valley Bank
MARYVILLE, MISSOURI
OVER FIFTY YEARS OLD
at the close of business December 31, 1925.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	$ 707,180.99
Furniture and Fixtures	3,000.00
U. S. Liberty Bonds (unpledged)	**185,600.00**
Cash and Sight Exchange	264,769.75
Real Estate	3,935.00
	$1,164,485.74

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	$ 100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits, net	33,531.65
DEPOSITS	**1,030,954.09**
	$1,164,485.74

The above statement is correct,
J. D. RICHEY, Cashier.

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF THE
Real Estate Bank
MARYVILLE, MISSOURI
at close of business December 31, 1925.

RESOURCES

Loans	$274,962.13
Furniture and Fixtures	2,787.00
Real Estate	32,029.35
Cash on hand and due from banks	53,758.41
	$363,536.89

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	$ 30,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	12,775.50
Bills Payable	48,000.00
DEPOSITS	**272,761.39**
	$363,536.89

Above statement is correct,
G .B. BAKER, President.

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF
FARMERS TRUST CO.
Maryville, Missouri.
Statement as of Dec. 31, 1925.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	$1,676,289.88
Bonds	3,452.10
Cash and Sight Exchange	312,408.68
Real Estate	139,887.59
Abstract Books	15,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,457.30
Overdrafts	411.85
	$2,150,907.40

LIABILITIES

Capital	$ 200,000.00
Surplus	40,000.00
Undivided Profits	10,806.48
DEPOSITS	**1,649,650.92**
Farm Mortgage Certificates	150,450.00
Rediscounts and Bills Payable	100,000.00
	$2,150,907.40

A. K. FRANK, Asst. Cashier and Secretary.